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SOVIET MARITIME FLEET

The Soviet maritime fleet is the sixth largest in the world, ranking behind those of the UK, the US, Liberia, Norway and Japan. The deadweight tonnage of the Soviet maritime fleet doubled during the five-year period 1961-65 and is scheduled to increase by 50 percent during the Five Year Plan 1966-70. The current size of the Soviet maritime fleet is as follows:

	Number	GRT	DWT
Tankers	206	2.1 mil.	3.1 mil.
Dry Cargo	912	4.1 mil.	5.3 mil.
Total	1118	6.2 mil.	8.4 mil.

NOTE: includes only sea-going tankers and dry cargo ships over 1000 GRT, subordinate to the Ministry of the Maritime Fleet; excludes vessels of the Caspian Steamship Company.

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